

## City of Beaverton Commercial Composting Program Script

### **Beaverton Composts! Love Food, Not Waste**

### **Back to the Earth**

#### **Dialogue**

“Each year, Beaverton-area businesses send millions of pounds of food waste to the landfill.”

“A new collaboration between the City of Beaverton and local garbage and recycling haulers, offers a sustainable opportunity for businesses to convert food scraps into valuable, nutrient-rich compost.”

### **How does food become compost?:**

#### ***Step 1: Businesses Collect Food Scraps in Compost Containers:***

“Once a business obtains indoor and outdoor compost containers, they can begin to collect food scraps, food-soiled paper and plants materials.

#### ***Step 2: Hauler Collects and Delivers Compostable Materials:***

“The organic material is then picked up by your hauler and delivered to a commercial composting facility.”

#### ***Step 3: Compost Facility Transforms Organic Materials into Compost***

“Finally, your food scraps are combined with yard debris and transformed into nutrient rich compost”.

### **How will this program benefit my business?**

“So you might be wondering, what are the benefits of starting a commercial composting program at my business?”

“Adding compost collection and reducing your garbage service can potentially lead to a reduction in your garbage bill.”

“You will also be contributing to the reduction of landfill waste and appeal to customers with your conservation effort.”

### **How do I get started?**

“Starting a commercial composting program at your business is easy and done in four simple steps. “

***Step 1: Meet with a City of Beaverton Composting Specialist***

“First, schedule a meeting with a City of Beaverton Compost Specialist. We will help you assess your options for food donation, and then plan a compost collection system that makes sense for your business.”

***Step 2: Set Up Your Composting Program***

“Contact your hauler to set up your new composting service and adjust your garbage levels appropriately.”

“Your hauler will deliver an outdoor compost collection container and the City of Beaverton will provide free indoor containers and signage.”

***Step 3: Train Your Staff***

“Once you’ve acquired the proper container and set up, the City of Beaverton will assist in training your staff about the process to ensure the success of your composting program.”

***Step 4: Start Composting***

“When your collection system is set up and your staff is trained start composting!”

“Place all food items, including meat, plate scrapings, bones, dairy products, baked good, kitchen trimmings, food-soiled paper and plants in your bins and containers.”

“It’s that simple! You’ve just started the cycle of turning waste into valuable compost.”

***Become Part of the Cycle***

“Commercial composting saves land and energy and reduces the need for fossil-fuel fertilizers. It may also reduce your cost for garbage service.”

“By composting, your business will be contributing to the health and vitality of our community and working to make Beaverton the Best of Oregon.”

“For more information about the Beaverton Compost Program or to get started, please contact a Composting Specialist at 503-526-2460 or visit [BeavertonOregon.gov/Recycling](http://BeavertonOregon.gov/Recycling).”